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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits and in response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4-9 and 13-20, without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 1, 3, and 10-12 as shown in clean form below. A Marked-Up Copy of the amended claims is attached.

1. (Twice Amended) A stencil printer comprising:
- a printing unit configured to print an image on a sheet of paper;
 - a guide path along which the sheet of paper is guided to the printing unit;
 - at least one rotating roller disposed adjacent to the guide path and configured to aid in guiding the sheet of paper along the guide path, the at least one rotating roller constituting at

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